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OF

COMMON COUNCIL

For Regulating the

Election of Sheriffs,

AND

For Repealing the Treasonable and Disloyal Acts and Proceedings of that COURT in the Time of the Late Rebellion.

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Commune Concil' tent' in Camera Guildhall *Civitat'* London, *die Mercurii ſexto die* Junii, *Anno Dom'* 1683. *Annoque Regni Domini noſtri* CAROLI *Secundi, nunc Regis* Angl', *&c. Triceſimo quinto. Coram* Willielmo Pritchard *Mil' Major' Civitat'* Lond', Willielmo Turner *Mil'*, Jacobo Edwards *Mil'*, Roberto Clayton *Mil'*, Johanne Moore *Mil'*, Henrico Tulſe *Mil'*, Jacobo Smith *Mil'*, Roberto Geffery *Mil'*, Johanne Peake *Mil'*, Thoma Beckford *Mil'*, Johanne Chapman *Mil'*, Simone Lewis *Mil'*, Jonathano Raymond *Mil'*, & Petro Daniel *Armig' Aldermanis; Necnon major' part' Communiar' dicte Civitat' in Communi Concil' tunc & ibidem aſſemblat'.*

THis Day a Report was brought into this Court by the Committee appointed to inſpect the Acts and Proceedings entred in the Journals of this Court in the Times of Uſurpation, or at any time before or ſince, that might be fit to be Explained or Repealed: The Tenor of which Report is as followeth, that is to ſay,

To the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, *and* Commons *of the City of* London, *in Common Council Aſſembled.*

WHereas by a late Order of this Honourable Court it was referred unto us, whoſe Names are ſubſcribed, to inſpect the Acts and other Proceedings entred in the Journals of this Court in the Times of Uſurpation, or at any time before or ſince, that may be thought fit to be Explained or Repealed;

Now we do humbly certifie, That in purſuance of the ſaid Order, We have peruſed and examined the Journals of this Court in the Times of the late Rebellion, wherein we find not only many Innovations and Irregularities brought into this Court and the Government of this City; but alſo moſt pernicious and abominable Proceedings, in abetting and carrying on thoſe Wicked and Unnatural Diviſions then raiſed in the Kingdom, and ſerving the Uſurpation of thoſe Times. All, or moſt of which, We perſuade our ſelves, could never have had place in this Court, had not Violence been offered to the Government of this City, the *Lord Mayor* been Arreſted and Impriſoned, divers Loyal *Aldermen* and *Commoners*, ſome Impriſoned, others Diſplaced, and all *Loyal Citizens* generally diſcountenanced and diſcouraged, and Others of factious, unquiet and turbulent Spirits, got themſelves into the *Common Council*, and made up the greater Number therein. All which *Acts* and Proceedings might (as they well deſerve) be obliterated and wholly expunged, that no Remembrance thereof ſhould be tranſmitted to Poſterity to the ſhame and diſhonour of this Court and City; but that other Matters are therewith intermixed, which for the ſubſtance of them are, in our Opinions, inoffenſive, uſeful, and fit to be continued. Several *Committees* have formerly been appointed by this Court to obliterate the ſaid unjuſt Proceedings, and there are Lines croſſed over divers of them, which (we preſume) were made by the ſaid Committees; but not being thereby obliterated, and ſtill remaining in the Books as the Acts and Proceedings of this Court, and never having been particularly Diſclaimed and Repealed by any Vote or Act of this Court, (that we have obſerved;) We think it very fitting, that the ſame, and all other like diſloyal and irregular Proceedings, ſhould by an expreſs Act of this Court be Renounced, Repealed, and made abſolutely Null and Void. Which Proceedings, or moſt of them, We have here ſet down and preſent to this Honourable Court, for that purpoſe and deſire that ſome few of them may be here openly read, to beget in this Court (as it hath done in Us) a juſt Abhorrence and Deteſtation of ſuch Proceedings; of which kind are the Proceedings following, Entred in the Journals of this Court, *viz.*

AN Order of Common Council, for taking the Proteſtation made in the Houſe of Commons, 29 May 1641.

An Order made upon a Meſſage from the Houſe of Commons,

mons, touching Fears and Dangers apprehended from Armed-men at White-Hall, and other Preparations. 4 Jan. 1641.

Petition to be presented to the King (with the Proceedings thereupon) representing their Fears from Papists, &c. and the Kings going to the House to demand several Members. 5 Jan. 1641.

Orders and Proceedings touching raising of Guards, raising and sending out Forces, and Officers for conducting them; making of Forts and Bulwarks, and other Acts of Disloyalty relating thereunto, 10, 19, & 22 Jan. 12. Febr. 9, 17, & 19. March, 1641. 4, & 15 April, 17 May, 1, 6, 15, & 23 Septemb. 18 Octob. 23 Febr. 1, & 15 March, 1642. 21 June, 8, & 14 July, 11 August, 9 Sept. 9 Octob. 1, & 30 Decemb. & 16 Feb. 1643. 12, & 17 Apr. 2, & 9 May, 5, 7, & 15 Jun. 2 August, 7, 13, & 20 Sept. & 16 Jan. 1644. 15, & 29 April, 2 Sept. & 3 Jan. 1645. 3 June, 1648, 4, 6, 15, 21, & 27 July, & 12 August, 1648 17 April, 1649.

Orders and Determinations touching Election of Common-Council Men in several Wards. 19 Jan. & 2 March, 1641. 9 Febr. 1645. 17 April, 1647.

Order touching laying up Ammunition in the City for use of the Parliament: And other Orders touching Powder and other Military Provisions. 19 Jan. 1641. 9 July, 25 August, 15 Sept. 1642. 8, & 17 April, 1644. 13 Jun. & 4 July, 1645. 14 April. & 23 Febr. 1646. 13 August, 1647.

Orders touching Sir John Biron, Lieutenant of the Tower. 19, & 22 Jan. 1641.

Reference upon a Remonstrance of Grievances and Fears. 22 Jan. 1641.

Petition to the Lords House, complaining that the Tower and other Forts are not in such hands as the Parliament might confide in (wherewith the City would not otherwise be satisfied) 24 Jan. 1641.

Petition to the House of Commons, representing Obstructions in raising Moneys to surprels the Irish. 24 Jan. 1641.

Thanks to some Country Gentlemen, for acknowledging the Cities care of the Publick. 14 Febr. 1641.

Deciding a Question touching Reading a Petition of divers Citizens. 17 Febr. 1641.

Reading a Petition of Vintrey-Ward, touching Election of their Alderman. 2 March 1641.

Dismission of Mr. Alden from the Common Council, for not taking the Protestation. 14 March 1641.

Petitions to the Parliament touching the Militia of the Kingdom. 9 & 17 March 1641.

Orders for the Chamberlain to take up Money for Military Affairs 17 March. 1641. 18 Octob. 1642. 24 Feb. 1644. 13 Aug. 1647.

Orders charging the Chamber with payment of Military Officers, and for other Military Affairs. 4 & 15 Apr. 23 Aug. 2 Decemb. & 15 Feb. 1642. 4 Sept. 1645. 6 Novemb. & 24 Jan. 1647. 30 May. 1648. 18 July 1649.

Orders for the Chamber to bear the charge of entertaining the Lords and Commons at several Trainings. 9 July 1642. 20 May 1646.

Order touching lending Money and Plate for raising Forces. 2 Sept. 1642.

Parliament's thanks for the Cities forwardness and affections and the Common Council's thanks to the Parliament for assisting them with Money towards their charges of raising Forces. 6 Sept. 1642.

Recommendation to the Citizens of the Earl of Essex his desire to borrow One Hundred Thousand Pounds 15 Sept. 1642.

Suspention of Mr. Weld, Town-Clerk. 15 Sept. 1642.

Agreement to send out Twelve Companies for defence of Religion, the King, Kingdom, Parliament and City, upon notice from the Parliament of Prince Rupert's approach. 18 Oct. 1642.

A Committee appointed touching Malignant Ministers. 2 Decembr. 1642.

Dislike of a Petition of Mr. Osbolstone and other Citizens to the Common Council, to endeavour an end of the War, and an accomodation between the King and both Houses. 12 Decembr. 1642.

Petitions to the King and Parliament touching the King's return upon dishonourable Terms, and Proceedings thereupon. 16 Decemb. 9 & 18 Jan. 1642.

Money to be advanced for the Parliament to prevent the Armies disbanding; and Ministers to stir up men for that purpose. 18 Feb. 1642.

Propositions for reforming the Army. Ibid.

Discharge of the Remembrancer and Cities Marshals. Ibid.

Propositions to the Parliament touching Monies to be raised for the Army, and other matters. 21 Febr. 1642.

Report to the Parliament touching Reformation of the Army, and a Religious Covenant and Association, with the Parliament's Answer. 23 Febr. 1642.

Monies to be raised at desire of the Paliament for the Earl of Essex preparing to go against Prince Rupert. 10 March. 1642.

The Chamberlain to take up Monies (in all 120001.) for the Fortifications. 25 Marc. 4, 13 & 25 May. 21 Jun. & 6 Jul. 1643.

Application to the Parliament for Assessments to be paid to the Treasurers of Money and Plate at Guild-Hall. 25 March. 1643.

Forty Thousand Pounds advanced for the Army. 6 April. 1643.

Companies to lend their Arms for the Auxiliary Forces raised in the City. 27 April. 1643.

Parliament to be moved for demolishing the Cross in Cheapside. Ibid.

Propositions touching reducing Newcastle. 20 & 25 May. & 10 June. 1643.

Orders and Reports upon a difference between the Militia and Sub-Committee at Salters-Hall. 7, 10, 14 & 21 June. 1643.

Petition to the Parliament for listing Horses. 21 June. 1643

Several Fifteens (Twenty Four in all) raised for Military affairs. 5 Jan. & 19 March. 1641. 23 Feb. 1642. 6 July. 1643.

An Act repealing Two former Acts, whereby the Court of Aldermen were to nominate Two persons to the Common-Hall for election of Chamberlain, and Four for election of Bridge-Masters, and the Comonalty to choose out of them and no others. 21 June. 1643.

A Search to be made upon complaint of Arms carried out of the City to the Enemy. 14 July. 1643.

Upon notice of the King's Forces near the City, and a Rising in Kent and Surrey, Monies to be advanced. 18 July 1643. And 1 Aug. 1643. Fifty Thousand Pounds ordered to be advanced. Afterwards 11 Aug. 1643. Fifty Thousand Pounds to be raised by the Companies, and Fifty Subsidies by private persons. 26 Aug. 1643. an Ordinance of Parliament thereupon. 9 Septemb. 1643. the City Seal to be given for the said Subsidies.

Message from Common Council to the Earl of Essex, to assure him of their resolutions to assist him. 1 Aug. 1643.

A Petition to the House of Commons for punishment on Delinquents. 6 Aug. 1643.

A Committee to joyn with a Committee of Parliament for raising Monies. 2 Octob. 1643.

Orders touching Monies to be raised by sparing weekly Meals. 10 & 22 Jan. 3, 8, & 16 Feb. 1643. 30 March. 1644.

Over

Order touching pulling down Houses, &c. near the Forts, 10 Jan. 1643.

Invitation of both Houses and Assembly of Divines to Dinner, 12, 13, & 22 Jan. 1643

Order for a Petition to the Parliament, to settle the Church Government, 22 Jan. 1643.

Petition to the Parliament for Reforming and Recruiting the Army. 26 Jan. 1643.

A Loan of 200001. to the Parliament. 4 April. 1644.

Order for presenting to the Parliament a Petition of Souldiers maimed in the Parliaments Service, to be admitted into Sutton's Hospital. 8 Apr. 1644.

Order that no Petition be read in the Petitioners presence. 9 May. 1644.

Ralph Robinson to pray before the Common-Council. 9 May. 1644.

Petitions to the Parliament to continue their Endeavours in the Cause of God and the Kingdom, assuring them they will stand by them with their Lives and Estates according to the Covenant. 9 & 10 May 1644.

Petition to the House of Commons for punishment of Delinquents, and not to readmit Members that had deserted them. 16, & 18 May 1644.

A Committée to consider and promote the Parliaments desire for raising 2 or 300000 l. 28 May 1644.

Suit made by Alderman Gibs, to be discharged his place of Alderman. 5 June 1644.

An Ordinance desired, to charge persons for finding Arms. Ibid.

Petition to the Parliament for Justice upon Delinquents. 22 July, & 2 August 1644.

Petition to the Parliament touching Estates Sequestred. 2 Aug. 1644.

Ordinance to be presented to the Parliament to raise Money for Forts and Guards. 20 Aug. 1644.

Motion to the Parliament for fortifying Redding. 9 Sept. 1644.

Reference touching raising 20000 l. for setting out Forces towards the West; and an Ordinance of Parliament thereupon. 27 Sept. 2, & 23 Oct. 1644.

Petition to the Parliament against Free-trade with Ports in Hostility. 23 Oct. 44.

Petition to the Parliament for fortifying Windsor, &c. 9, & 28 Nov. 1644.

Reference

Reference touching easing the Cities Charge out of Delinquents Estates. 28 Novemb. 1644.

Ordinance desired for further power to search for Suspicious Persons. 17 & 27 Decemb. 1644.

Petition to the Parliament for Ships of War to secure Trade in the West. 16 & 24 Jan. 1644.

Orders and Resolutions touching the calling and managing of Common Councils, 24 Jan. 1644. And 24 April 1645. A difference betwéen the Mayor and Aldermen, and Commons, touching the Mayor and Aldermens right of a Negative Voice proposed to be determined by the Parliament, and order to suspend their Right in the mean time.

Reference upon a Motion for advancing 80000 l. for the Army, after refusal of the Kings Propositions at Uxbridge. 4 March 1644.

Col. West (by virtue of an Order of Parliament) presented to be Lieutenant of the Tower. 24 April 1645.

Proposition for reducing of Oxford approved. 16 May 1645.

Petition to the Parliament for recruiting Fairfax's Army, to regain Leicester, &c. Also Order, that the Parliament be desired that Massy may continue at Glouceſter. 7 June 1645.

Common Council Men to move Inhabitants to supply Arms, Men or Mony, for relief of Taunton. 9 Jun. 1645.

Orders for paying Mony raised for Military Affairs. 9 Novemb. 1644. 15 April, 16 May, 13 June, 4 July, 9 & 26 August, 4 & 15 Sept. 1645.

Parliament to be desired, That the Scots Army may assist for the Regaining of Leicester. 14 June 1646.

Parliament and Assembly of Divines invited to Dinner at the Charge of the Chamber, upon a Thanksgiving for Victory against the King: and the Committée for the Militia to joyn in raising a Body to pursue the Victory. 17 Jun. 1645.

Inhabitants to be stirred up, to furnish Arms and Mony for relief of several parts. 12 August 1645.

A Committee to set Fines upon persons not sending out Souldiers. 21 August 1645.

Thirty Thousand Pounds desired by the Parliament for the Scots Army, agreed to be raised. 10 Octob. & 16 Decemb. 1645.

Chamberlain to furnish Monies for fitting out the Convocation House and Cloysters at Pauls for Souldiers. 20 Octob. & 2 Feb. 1645. 22 May 1646.

Six Thousand Pounds to be advanced for the Parliament. 12 Novemb. 1645.

Orders touching raising, advancing, or issuing out Mony

raiſed for the Parliament or Army. 14 June, 21 July, 21 Auguſt, 21 Novemb. 18 Decem. 9 Feb. 9 & 24 March, 1645, 20 May, 30 Jun. 13 Aug. 9 & 25 Sept. 25 Jan. 23 Feb. 1646. 26 March, 27 May, 25 Jun. 15 Decemb. 1647. 26 May, 27 July, 29 Auguſt, 6, & 10 Jan. 1648. 24 May 1649.

Reference about ſetling Church Government. 17 Nov. 8 Jan. 9 March 1645. Petition to the Parliament touching the ſame. 14 Jan. 1645. Another Petition, 11 March, 1645.

Petition to the Parliament, acknowledging the Parliaments great care of their Liberties, &c. againſt the Common Enemy, and touching Church Government; With the Citizens Petition to the Common Council touching the ſame. 18 Nov. 1645.

Day of Humiliation appointed; and then the Oath and Covenant to be adminiſtred by one of the Miniſters to the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Common Council. 8 Jan. 1645.

Parliament to be moved for 20000 l. out of the Exciſe, and 2000 l. per Month, for 6 Months, towards the charges of Fortifications and Guards. 8 Jan. 1645.

Petition to the Parliament for 20000 l. more, for Military Affairs. 6 July 1647.

Reference upon a Petition againſt Citizens, deſerting the City and bearing Arms, and driving Trades in the Enemies Quarters. 30 Jan. 1645.

Petition to the Parliament for the Militia, grounded upon their former good Services to the Parliament; with Alderman Fowkes's Speech, and other proceedings thereupon. 6 & 9 Febr. 1645.

Order for Reading the Covenant in Common Council once a Quarter, and ſtrict Enquiry after ſuch Members as had not taken it. 9 Feb. 1645.

Common Councils Reſolutions to keep the Covenant, &c. declared to Commiſſioners ſent with a Letter from Scotland, 11 Febr. 1645.

Another Letter from Scotland. 10 July 1646.

Order of Common Council touching Members refuſing to take the Covenant the laſt Humiliation Day. 11 March 1645.

Members of Parliament, Prince Palatine, Aſſembly of Divines, and Others, invited to Dinner at the Charge of the Chamber, on a Thankſgiving Day for ſeveral Victories. 26 March, 1646.

Order for Election of Officers in Common Hall on the 25th of June, a Faſt being appointed on Midſummer Day. 23 Jun. 1646.

A large Remonſtrance and Petition to the Parliament touching ſeveral publick Matters. 20 May 1646. And a Petition,

23 Jun.

23 Jun. 1646, to the Common Council from divers Citizens, desiring the prosecution thereof.

House of Commons to be moved for 12000 l. out of the Excise, towards paying the City Forces. 6 Aug. 1646.

Reference touching Disfranchisement of Citizens that have sided with the Enemy. 6 Aug. 1646.

Reference touching Two Hundred Thousand Pounds desired of the Common Council by the Parliament. 7 Septemb. 1646.

Report to be made to the Parliament, touching advancing the said Mony upon Security of Bishops Lands, &c. 9 Sept. 1646.

Reference touching a Petition from divers well affected Freemen, and Covenant engaged Citizens. 10 Dec. 1646.

A Petition thereupon from the Common Council to the Parliament. 18 Decemb. 1646.

Petition to the Parliament, that (inter alia) such as have been in opposition to the Parliament, may be removed out of the City and kept at distance from the King; With a Scditious Petition annexed from several others. 16 March 1646.

Reference touching a Governor to be appointed for Newcastle and Tinmouth. 26 March 1647.

Reference touching a Loan of Two Hundred Thousand Pounds for which the Common Councils Assistance was desired by the Parliament, and Propositions to the Parliament, and proceedings thereupon 6 & 17 April, 3 & 8 May, 1647.

Order for a Sermon to be made to the Common Council, and the Covenant renewed by them, in order to nomination of the Militia, pursuant to an Order of Parliament. 23 April, 1647. The nomination of the Militia accordingly, 27 April, 1647.

Order for a Sallary to Webb, as Agitant to the Militia. 5 Jun. 1647.

Petition to the Parliament touching the King, declaring (inter alia) their resolutions to stand and fall with them according to the Covenant. 8 Jun. 1647.

Correspondencies and Transactions between the General and Chief Officers of the Parliaments Army and the Common Council, and proceedings relating to the Army. 11 Jun. 12, 15, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25 Jun. 9, 24, 27, 28, 29, 30 July, 3, 4 & 5 Aug. 20 & 25 Novem. 1647. 12 May. 1, 2, 4, 6, 7 & 9 Decemb. 1648. 13 Decemb. 1648.

Petition from the Common Council to the Parliament concerning the Army, and other Matters. 1 & 6 July, 1647.

Twenty Thousand Pounds to be taken up under the Cities Seal for Military Affairs. 29 July, 1647.

Order touching raising One Hundred Thousand Pounds for Military Affairs. 30 July, 1647.

General

General, with the Officers of the Army, invited to Dinner; and he then to be presented with a Bason and Ewer of Gold. 9 & 13 Aug. 1647.

Reference and Proceedings touching a Loan of Fifty Thousand Pounds desired by the Parliament, and for getting in Assessments. 24 August, 4, 6, 11, 13 & 20 Sept. 1647.

Election of a Lord MAYOR appointed to be on Michaelmas Eve, because a Fast was appointed on Michaelmas Day. 20 Sept. 1647.

A Petition to the Parliament for divers matters, and proceedings thereupon. 29 Novemb. & 15 Decemb. 1647.

Application to the Parliament, and proceedings touching a Tumult. 11 & 24 April, 1648.

Petitions to, and Negotiations with the Parliament touching Military and other publick Affairs. 8, 10, 12, 19, 22, 24, 26 May, 28 & 31 July, & 29 August, 1648.

Order for a Precept upon Information of a Plot against the Parliament and City. 24 May, 1648.

Petition of divers Citizens recommended to the Parliament, for a Settlement according to the Covenant, 30 May, & 1 June, 1648.

Reference touching a Petition to the Common Council for a Common Hall; and a Declaration afterwards, That it is in the power of the Common Council to assemble the Common Hall. 1 & 3 June, 1648.

A Petition to the Parliament, complaining of private Listing of Souldiers. 21 July, 1648.

Order not to take a Letter and Declaration from the Prince into further consideration. 4 August, 1648.

Orders for advancing Fourteen Thousand Pounds desired at several times by the Parliament. 4, 9 & 19 Sept. & 4 Nov. 1648.

Reference upon a Paper presented from the provincial Assembly. 12 Octob. 1648.

A Petition to the Parliament thereupon (inter alia) that the Bishops Lands, &c. in the Province of London may be setled upon the Ministers. 14 Octob. 1648.

Orders and Proceedings touching better guarding of the Parliament, and seizing Delinquents. 4 & 27 Nov. 1648.

Orders for paiment of One Thousand Six Hundred Pounds for Military Affairs out of the next Aldermens Fines. 27 Nov. & 13 Jan. 1648.

Upon a Petition prepared to the Parliament for Justice upon all Capital Actors, from the highest to the lowest, in the War against the Parliament, brought into Common Council, and the

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Lord Mayors refusal to put it to the question; and he with the Aldermen and Officers at last withdrawing, the Commoners continued and put a Commoner in the Chair, and then Voted the said Petition, and ordered it to be presented in the Name of the Commons in Common Council, with a Narrative of that Days proceeding: And an Ordinance thereupon shortly after made by the House of Commons, touching the calling and holding of Common Councils. 13 Jan. 1648.

Also a Reference then made touching Officers to sit in Common Council, and whether they shall be chosen annually. 13 Jan. 1648.

George Griffith appointed to pray before the Common Council. Also a Reference touching a Loan of 120000 l. in Gold, desired by the House of Commons. 12 Apr. 1649.

Declaration that the Recorder is an Officer of the Common Council. 29 May, 1649.

Commons in Parliament, Fairfax, Council of State, &c. Invited to Dinner on a Thanksgiving-Day at the charge of the Chamber. A Bason and Ewer of Gold then to be presented to Fairfax, and 934 Ounces of Plate, and 200 l. in Gold to Cromwell. 29 May, & 2 June, 1649.

Order touching Election of an Alderman of Breadstreet. 2 June 1649.

Entry of an Order of the House of Commons for the Lord MAYOR to deliver the Sword to the Speaker upon his reception in the City. 6 June, 1649.

William Steel chosen Recorder by Common Council, by vertue of an Act of the House of Commons. 3 July, 1649.

Robert Mitchell Town-Clerk displaced, and Jo. Sadler elected. 3 July, 1649.

A Committee to consider with a Committee of the House of Commons for raising of 150000 l. for Ireland. 5 July 1649.

Orders touching Arrears due to Commanders. 18 July. 18 Sept. & 11 Decemb. 1649.

Order to refer to the House of Commons a difference with the Court of Aldermen touching choice of Recorder. 18 July, 1649.

Order, that at the rising of every Common Council another Common Council shall be appointed. 1 Sept. 1649.

Orders relating to Assessments made for the Parliaments Army. 1 & 6 Sept. 1649.

Orders for buying from the Commissioners at Gurny-House the reversion of the Manor of Finsbury, being Deans and Chapters Lands. 25 Sept. & 9 Oct. 1649.

Reference touching the Lord Mayors and Sheriffs Housekeeping. 9 Nov. 1649.

Report, that no Places be disposed without Order of Common Council. 14 Novemb, 1649.

Order for allowances to be made Monthly out of the Chamber to the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs. 7 Decemb. 1649.

Act touching Lord Mayors and Sheriffs House-keeping; (As also the Act made in the Reign of Ph. & Ma. therein mentioned) and for making them allowances out of the Chamber; and against Selling of Places: And that the Common Council shall nominate two persons to all places, and the Mayor and Aldermen to choose One. 11 Decemb. 1649.

Order touching Assessments for Forts and Guards, 9 Dec. 1649.

Two persons nominated to the Court of Aldermen for Clerk of the Bridge-House. 21 Jan. 1649. For one of the Cities Musick. 8 April, 1650. For Sheriffs Officers. 24 March 1650. 18 April, 1651. For Common Pleader. 29 April, 1651.

Reference for revoking Proceedings in 1646. concerning a Petition to the King, and all others that reflect on the Parliament or Army. 25 Jan. 1649.

The stile of all Petitions to the Parliament, as the Supream Authority; or to the Parliament of the Common wealth, &c. Or to his Highness Oliver, Lord Protector, &c.

Petition for altering the Laws. 25 Jan. 1649.

Secondaries Places to be disposed by a Committee. 6 Feb. 1649.

Reference touching a Petition for satisfaction of Persons, alledged to have laid out themselves for the Publick Safety. 7 Febr. 1649.

Common Councils acknowledgment to the Parliament, declaring their Resolutions, to stand and fall with them, 2 Apr. 1650.

Narrative touching a Common Council call'd without Lord Mayors directions, and held after his departure from it, by virtue of an Ordinance of Parliament. 14 & 17 June, 1650.

Report touching the place of Recorder, and other Officers. Also, Order touching allowances to be made by the Committee appointed for the Sale of Offices. 9 July 1650.

Agreement of the Common Council to Fast and Pray for the Army gone into Scotland. 20 August, 1650.

Orders touching a Contribution from the Common Council to the Army. 27 Aug. 12 & 24 Sept. 18 Decemb. 1650.

Thanksgiving appointed for the Victory in Scotland. 12 Sept. 1650.

Question put after the Lord MAYOR and Aldermen gone out of the Common Council, 26 Sept. 1650.

Touching Elections of Common Council Men, and preparing Orders for proceeding and adjourning of Common Councils. 7, 15 & 26 Febr. 1650.

Order

Order touching Dividing of the Court. 28 Feb. 1650.

In Mr. Griffiths absence, some Member to pray in Common Council. 15 March, 1650

Petition to the Parliament, to be excused the further Charge of some Troops, declaring they had already cost them Two and Twenty Thousand Pounds in the Expedition against Scotland. 10 April, 1651.

Order that Lord MAYOR issue out Warrants for New Elections of Common Council Men in place of those that have not taken the Oath required by Parliament, 25 April, 1651.

Order that Common Council Men may depart within an hour after Summons, 13 May, 1651.

Also that no new Matter be moved in Common Council after Twelve in the Morning and Seven in the Evening. Ibid.

Fast appointed for success of the Army in Scotland. 3 June, 1651.

Petition to the Parliament for Writs to elect new Burgesses. 12 June, 1651.

Election of one of the Prothonotaries in the Sheriffs Courts. 19 June, 1651.

Proceedings at a Common Council after the Lord MAYOR and Aldermen were gone out; and Owen Row Voted into the Chair. 2 July, 1651.

And 29 July 1651. Owen Row Voted into the Chair by the Commons in Common Council before the Lord MAYOR and Aldermen came in,

Resolve of Common Council to adventure Lives and Estates in defence of the Commonwealth against the King of Scotland, and proceedings thereupon. 11 Aug. 1651.

Thanksgiving appointed for several Victories, 7 Oct. 51.

Order that the Lord MAYOR and Aldermen withdraw out of the Common Council, and the Commons turned into a grand Committee. 3 Decemb. 51.

That none be admitted to the Freedom, without notice of the Common Council. 12 Decemb 1651. 11 March 1652. As also so much of an Act or Order made, 16 Octob. 1638. upon Report to the Common Council as limits the number of persons to be admitted into the Freedom by Order of the Lord MAYOR and Aldermen.

Votes touching allowances to Lord MAYOR and Sheriffs out of the Chamber. 15 June, & 20 July, 1652.

Thanksgiving appointed for the Victory obtained by the Parliaments Forces at Worcester. 26 Aug. 1652.

Order

Order for presenting to the Council of State Votes touching Perquisites to Lord MAYOR, &c. 7 Octob. 1652.

Order touching disposal of Cole-Meaters places, 12 Octob. 1652.

Common Councils held without the Lord MAYOR, or continued after his going out. 7 & 14 Decemb. 52. 14 & 15 Jun. & 24 Oct. 53.

Petition touching the Ministers Maintenance, acknowledging the Parliament for delivering them from their Persecutors, &c. 1 Sept. 53.

Cromwell (Protector) and his Council invited to Dine at Grocers-Hall at the charge of the Chamber; and the Common Council to attend him at his coming into the City. 25 Jan. 1653.

S.C. with the Dagger to be set upon new Measures instead of the Letter C. and the Crown. 29 Novemb. 1654.

In an Act 1632 these words (His Majesties Liege People,) alter'd to (The People of the Nation,) and (His Majesties Court) to be left out. 12 Decemb. 1654.

Petition to the Parliament touching Publick Faith Debts, declaring their former Assistances given the Parliament for the publick preservation. 16 Jan. 1654.

Thanks to the Protector for his great care of the Peace and safety of the City. 17 Febr. 1654.

Orders for issuing Mony out of the Chamber, for the use of the Militia, 13 March 1654. 16 Sept. 3 Octob. 1656. 23 Oct. 1657. 8 Sept. 12 Octob. & 6 Decemb. 1658.

So much of an Act as appoints the choice of a Committee, for placing and displacing Ministers of Prisons. 16 Decem. 1656.

Order for paiment of charges about the Guards in Pauls. 25 Jan. 1657.

Petition to Cromwell, acknowledging subjection to his Government. 16 March, 1657.

Recorder to condole the Death of the old Protector, and congratulate his Successor, owning him as the Chief Magistrate, and declare their Resolutions to adhere to him against all Opposers. 8 Decemb. 1658.

Petition to the Rump upon their Restauration. 31 May 1659.

Common Council held without the Lord Mayor, and Lord Tichborne Voted into the Chair, 21 Sept. 1659.

Parliament, Council of State, Officers of the Army, &c. invited to Dinner with the Common Council at the charge of the Chamber, 30 Sept. 1659.

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All which Particulars aforesaid being highly disloyal, or favouring of the Faction and Usurpation of those unhappy Times, are fit by Act of this Court to be disclaimed, revoked, abrogated and repealed to all intents and purposes whatsoever; which as it will demonstrate the Loyalty and good Affections of the present Members of this Court to his Majesty and the established Government, and vindicate them from all imputation of the like pernicious and destructive Principles and Practices, and will also express their dislike of all factious Innovation in the Usages and Constitutions of this City; so will it prevent any ill use that may be made in time to come of the said irregular Actions.

And we having also seen several Entries in the *Journals* of this Court, that the *Lord Mayor* and *Aldermen* upon matters here propounded, have taken time to advise and consider thereof, and to others have declared their dissent, and even in those worst of times; as for instance, The 14 *Mar.* 1641. upon two Petitions brought into *Common Council* by a Committee to be presented to the Parliament, they were read, but not voted; because the *Mayor*'s *Locum tenens*, and the Major part of the *Aldermen* thought fit to advise of the same. And 24 *Jan.* 1644. it was declared by the Lord *Mayor* and *Aldermen*, That they had a Negative Voice in *Common Council* by the ancient Custom and Charters of this City. And we having also seen the Opinions of divers Learned Councils, heretofore given to the *Court of Aldermen* under their hands, *viz.* the present L. Chief Justice *Pemberton*, Sir *W. Dolbin*, Serjeant *Maynard*, Sir *W. Jones*, Sir *G. Jefferies*, and Sir *Fr. Winnington*, that the *Lord Mayor* and *Aldermen* have a Negative Voice in making Laws and Orders, and admitting of Officers in *Common Council*; we humbly propound (to take away all disputes in this matter for the time to come) that the same may have the approbation and concurrence of this Honble Court.

And because We find the usage for the *Lord Mayor* to nominate or elect one of the *Sheriffs* of this City and County of *Middlesex* was call'd in question, in those troublesom and disorderly Times (as it hath unhappily been this Year or two last past) We have examined the usage in that particular; and find it very ancient, and not questioned (that we can find) until the breaking out of those Troubles. We have also seen very many Acts of *Common Council* that take notice of and allow it, and particularly the Act made 7. *Car.* 1. touching the Election of *Sheriffs*; to which last mentioned Act we are of Opinion, that an addition or explanation should be made in some particulars, which seem not sufficiently provided for thereby: And we have prepared a Bill for that purpose which we here present to this Honourable Court. And therein also the said Usage for the *Lord Mayor's* Nomination or Election of one of the *Sheriffs* is further declared, and provision made to remove all Disputes that might hereafter be made touching the same; by which the peace and quiet of this City hath been of late so greatly disturbed.

All which Matters are humbly submitted to the wisdom and good pleasure of this Honourable Court. *This Fifth day of* June 1683.

William Turner, *Nathaniel Hawes*,
James Edwards, *Henry Loades*,
John Moore, *Peter Aylworth*,
Henry Tulce, *Nicholas Charlton*,
Thomas Langham, *Thomas Vernon*.
Francis Griffith,

After reading of which Report here openly in this Court, the same was by this Court (in the several particulars thereof) well approved of, and agreed to and confirmed: *And it is Enacted by the* Lord Mayor, Aldermen, *and* Commons *in this* Common Council *Assembled, That all the several Acts, Orders and Proceedings therein propounded to be disclaimed and Repealed, be repealed and made void; and they and every of them are by Authority of this Court disclaimed, repealed, and made null and void.*

And the Bill in the said Report mentioned being now likewise read, it was put to the question, whether the same should be read again or recommitted? and it being thereupon determined to be read again, it was so done accordingly; And a Question being then put, whether the same should be read a third time? it was carried against the further reading thereof. Then upon a further Question, whether the said Bill should pass, or no? and a Poll taken thereupon, 113 *Commoners* being for the passing it, and 78 against it, the same was passed and made the Act of this Court, the Tenor of which Bill is as followeth: That is to say,

Whereas by an Act of Common Council made in the Seventh Year of King Charles the First of Blessed Memory (Ducy Mayor) It is (amongst other things) Enacted, That if any person being a Freeman of this City shall be chosen or elected Sheriff of the same City and County of Middlesex, and publication thereof by open Proclamation being made in the Guild-Hall, in the place where the Court of Hustings is usually holden in the presence of the Lord Mayor and Six Aldermen for the time being at the least, or in the absence of the Lord Mayor, then in the presence of Eight Aldermen of the said City for the time being at the least, and being called to come forth and give his consent to take the said Office of Shrievalty upon him, shall not personally before the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen for the time being, in the inner Chamber of Guild-Hall aforesaid, at the next Court there to be holden, unless he have such reasonable excuse as the Lord Mayor and greater part of the Aldermen for the time being shall in open Court allow; and then and there become bound to the Chamberlain of the same City for the time being and his Successors by his Deed Obligatory, in the Sum of 1000 l. with Condition that if he shall personally appear in the publick assembly in the Guild-Hall of the same City on the Vigil of St. Michael the Arch-Angel then next following, at the time in that behalf accustomed, and then and there take upon him the Office and charge of Shrievalty of the said City and County of Middlesex, that then the said Obligation shall be void: Or if such Person so to be chosen or elected shall before the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen openly declare his refusal to take upon him the said Office, then every such person as shall make such default in appearance, or shall not become bounden, or which shall declare his refusal as aforesaid, shall forfeit the Sum of 400 l. of lawful Money of England to the Mayor and Comonalty of the same City to be employed to the uses in the said Act declared and expressed, unless he shall be duly discharged of the said office of Shrievalty for want or defect of ability in Wealth upon Oath taken, as in

and by the said Act is mentioned and directed. Provided, and it is thereby further Enacted, That if the Person so to be chosen or elected, and making default in appearance or denying to become bound, or that shall declare his refusal as aforesaid, shall be an Alderman of this City at the time of his Choise or Election, then every such Alderman so to be chosen or elected shall forfeit 600 Marks of lawful money of England to the Mayor and Cominalty of the same City to be employed to the uses in the said Act declared and expressed. Now forasmuch as the said Penalty of 600 Marks in case of an Alderman chosen to the said Office of Sheriff, and not appearing or refusing to be bound or to take the same upon him as aforesaid, is conceived to be too small for the end thereby intended, and is requisite to be inlarged. Be it therefore Enacted by the Right Honourable the Lord Mayor, the Right Worshipful the Aldermen, and the Commons in Common Council assembled, That every Alderman of this City that shall hereafter be chosen or elected one of the Sheriffs of the said City and County of Middlesex (not having before served the said Office) and shall not appear the next Court of Aldermen after such Election, or shall there deny to become bound, or declare his refusal to take the said Office upon him according to the direction and intent of the said recited Act, then every such Alderman shall forfeit the Sum of 600 l. of lawful money of England to the Mayor, and Commonalty and Citizens of the said City, to be employed to the same uses, and recovered in the same manner as the said 600 Marks is appointed to be employed and recovered in and by the said recited Act. And forasmuch as Doubts have arisen touching the meaning of the Clause first before mentioned in the said recited Act, and to the end that no person or persons that shall hereafter be chosen or elected to the Office of Sheriff of this City and County of Middlesex, may pretend upon Construction of the said Act, to exempt him or themselves from taking upon him or them the said Office, by payment of the Forfeitures in this or the said recited Act contained, but may notwithstanding be liable to serve the said Office; Be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That every person and persons, whether Aldermen or Commoners, being Free-men of the City of London, who shall hereafter be chosen or elected to be Sheriff or Sheriffs of the said City and County of Middlesex, and publication be thereof made according to the direction of the said Act, and by making default in appearance, or denying to become bound, or declaring his or their refusal, as aforesaid, shall incurr the Forfeitures aforesaid, shall notwithstanding the said Forfeitures (unless He or They shall upon payment thereof be by Order of the said Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen exempted for that Year from taking upon him or them the said Office) hold the same, and be presented to the Barons of his Majesties Exchequer, to be by them amerced in case of his or their absenting or refusing to take upon him or Them the said Office. The aforesaid Act, or any other Act or Acts of this Court, or any Law, Usage, or Custom of this City to the contrary notwithstanding.

Provided

Provided always, and be it Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That no person or persons that shall hereafter be Chosen or Elected to the Office of Sheriff of the said City and County, and shall be presented to the Barons of the Exchequer, to the end He or They may be compelled to take upon Him or Them the said Office, and shall thereupon take upon him the said Office, shall be in any wise liable to pay or be prosecuted for any of the Forfeitures and Penalties in this or the said recited Act mentioned. Any thing in this or the said Act contained to the contrary notwithstanding. And whereas it hath been an ancient Custom and Usage in choosing the Sheriffs of the City of London and County of Middlesex, (allowed and approved by divers Acts of Common Council) for the Lord Mayor to elect a Person to be one of the said Sheriffs, and the Commons in Common Hall to confirm the said Election; And there have been of late great and fierce Disputes and Contests within this City touching the said Usage, which hath given great Disturbance to very many good Citizens and offence to his Majesty (upon whose Grace and Favour the welfare of this City so much depends,) and Fewds and Animosities have thereby arisen, and are still too much continued among many Citizens, and other manifold Inconveniences and Mischiefs have been occasioned thereby to this City, and greater may ensue, if due remedy be not provided to take away and remove all occasion of the like Differences for the future. For prevention therefore of the said Mischiefs, and to remove all Disputes and Controversies that may arise in time to come, touching the Confirmation of such Person as shall be chosen to be one of the said Sheriffs by the Lord Mayor for the time being; Be it Declared and Enacted by the Authority aforesaid, That hereafter the Person who shall be Nominated and Elected according to ancient Usage by the Lord Mayor of this City for the time being, to be one of the Sheriffs of the City of London and County of Middlesex, and such Election shall be declared to the Commons of the said City assembled in Common-Hall upon the 24th Day of June (being the Day appointed by the fore-recited Act) as well for Confirmation and Allowance of such Persons as shall be chosen and elected by the Lord Mayor to be Sheriff of the said City and County, as also for the Choice and Election of such other Persons as by the Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons shall be chosen to be Sheriffs of the said City and County) shall thereby the said Commons be Confirmed and allowed to be one of the Sheriffs of the said City and County accordingly. And that upon proposing the said Person to be Confirmed to the said Common-Hall, in case any Hands shall be holden up in token of Confirmation, the said Person shall be taken to be Confirmed and allowed, and then an other Person shall be chosen by Majority of Hands to be the other of the said Sheriffs, and to joyn with him that shall be so confirmed. Any former Law, Usage, or other Matter whatsoever to the contrary notwithstanding.

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